



A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Summer reading manuals available soon; place Upstart orders now

Manuals for the 2005 summer reading program, “Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds” (ages 0-12) and “Joust Read” (ages 12-18) will be shipped to public libraries this Friday, November 19. Planning manuals for both the children’s and teen programs are shrink-wrapped with the 2005 CD-ROM, which contains reproducibles, color clip art, and black & white clip art to support the theme. The manual shipment will be accompanied by the 12-page Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)/Upstart order form.

The summer reading program mailing will include instructions for ordering promotional and incentive merchandise, but libraries that wish to receive materials by March 1, 2005 must place their orders by Friday, November 19, 2004. Libraries may place orders by phone (1-800-448-4887), fax (1-800-448-5828), or online at <http://www.highsmith.com/upstart/2005CSLP.htm>. Orders placed between November 19 and January 1, 2005 will be shipped by April 1, 2005.

Please watch the [MOYAC](#) listserv, [Newsline Extra](#), and the [Missouri State Library](#) Web site in the coming weeks for more information.

WebJunction offers a ‘security blanket’ for your library

WebJunction.org focuses on computer security issues during the month of November, and has developed a “Six-Step Security Reference Card” to keep public access computers running smoothly. The steps include:

- Secure Your Public Access Computers
- Keep Windows Current
- Install and Update Anti-Virus Software
- Install a Firewall
- Keep Your Applications Up to Date
- Keep Spyware Off Your Computers

Each step contains links to free information and assistance from WebJunction on addressing these security issues. WebJunction also offers ongoing security and networking discussions on its message boards, as well as a free, live, interactive online event with security expert Marr Madden on December 1 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=8054>.

Libri Foundation offers children's books to rural libraries

Rural public libraries in Missouri can access new hardcover children's books from the Libri Foundation, a nonprofit organization that donates children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 to help rural libraries acquire children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$2,300,000 worth of new children's books to more than 1,800 libraries in 48 states.

The Foundation works with the library's Friends of the Library or other local organizations. The Friends group or other local sponsors can contribute from \$50 to \$350, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. That means a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, hardcover children's books.

The Foundation awards grants three times a year, and the final application deadline for 2004 is December 15th. Eligibility requirements and application forms are available on the Foundation Web site, <http://librifoundation.org/>.

ALA conducting survey for library staff certification info

An online survey on certification of library support staff is now available at http://www.ala.org/lssirt_survey. Anyone currently working in library support staff positions can complete the survey, and the deadline to participate is December 17, 2004. The survey is an outcome of the American Library Association (ALA) 3rd Congress on Professional Education: Focus on Support Staff (COPE3), which was held in May 2003 at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

The COPE3 Implementation Recommendations asked that the ALA Library Support Staff Interests Round Table (LSSIRT) study the issue of national certification for support staff. In response, LSSIRT created a certification task force with a charge to "study the issue of national certification for support staff, prepare and administer a national poll for expectations, compile statistics from research, and keep the LSSIRT steering committee informed of task force progress."

From the results of this survey, LSSIRT would like to determine the level of interest and the perceived benefit of a voluntary certification program. Participation will help the ALA make a decision on how to proceed.

For questions, or more information, contact Dorothy Morgan, chair of the certification task force, at dot@mailbox.lpl.org.

Bloomsbury Review offering free issues

The Bloomsbury Review, a book review and essay magazine, will send free copies of the November/December gift book issue to libraries. Most libraries order between 25-200 copies of the *Review*, which covers quality books of every genre and the best of the regional, small, and academic presses. To receive the publication, e-mail BloomsB@aol.com with the library's physical address (for UPS shipment) and the number of copies requested.

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